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DCI STATEMENT TO HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

As Director of Central Intelligence, member of the Committee of Principals, and former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, I have long been conversant with the various problems associated with arms control and disarmament. It is a field in which I retain a very active interest. One of the primary purposes of the Central Intelligence Agency is to determine what the USSR has in its military establishment and its plans for the future. This information is essential as a basis for any realistic plan of arms control and disarmament.

There have, therefore, been extensive exchanges and discussions between the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and me and my staff concerning the support which the intelligence community might offer to ACDA to aid it in fulfilling its mission. The correspondence has resulted in CIA being designated as the point of contact between ACDA and the community. It has resulted in ACDA participation in the activities of certain United States Intelligence Board Sub-Committees, particularly the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee and the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee, at such times as topics of interest to ACDA were being discussed. It has also resulted

in CIA participation in certain panels which ACDA formed to consider important problems and to develop specific recommendations. One example of this is the panel which studied the feasibility of a plan to reduce fissionable materials stockpiles under acceptable methods and procedures for inspection.

Much of the research work performed in the intelligence community has a bearing on arms control and disarmament problems, although our research has rarely been specifically aimed at such problems. The intelligence community, for example, prepares estimates which include information on the amounts and locations of Soviet armament stockpiles and on deployment of Soviet military forces. These estimates are of value both in planning potential inspections of facilities and in assessing the feasibility of various

arms control problems.

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In summary, it is clear that much of the intelligence production effort of CIA and the community is applicable as background information on arms control and disarmament problems. Such intelligence production has specific bearing on problems at all stages of disarmament and control. I do not believe that our intelligence research encroaches in any respect upon those topics that are the primary responsibility of ACDA. Instead, I regard ACDA as one of the several important consumers we are serving by determining and reporting on military activities and related matters going on within the closed Communist society.

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